

Transcript

Hi I'm Jo Gakonga and this is a bit of an introduction to me. I started teaching a very long time ago, in 1989 and in the 1990s I taught in quite a lot of different places all around the world. I started in Taipei in Taiwan and worked in a private language school there and then I went to the other side of the world and worked in an international school in Berne in Switzerland with children. Then I moved to Sydney, Australia and worked in a private language school with adults for a couple of years before going to Prague and working with the British Council and then again with the Council in Nairobi. In the 2000's I changed and came back to the UK. I got married and started working at Solihull College, which is a big FE college, teaching ESOL and CELTA, so I did quite a bit of teacher training in that time and I also had a family (I have three boy). In 2010 I moved into HE and did an MA at the University of Warwick (where I now teach) and got very interested in the power of the Internet for teacher training. I started a website at elt-training.com which provides videos and training for trainee and novice teachers particularly of doing CELTA courses. More recently I started another website called teacherfeedback.org which is part of my PhD project and is for teachers who are thinking about becoming teacher educators or who are already teacher educators and want to reflect on their practice in feedback. So that brings us right up to the present day and I'm going to be one of the moderators on the class-based research EVO. I hope that this video has given you a bit of an idea of who I am and will make you feel that you know me a little bit more. I think that's useful when you do online projects if you've got a bit of an idea of the people that you're working with. I look forward to moderating the course and to working with you.